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In November 2010, the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan wrote a letter to Congress about instituting technologies in schools across the nation. The letter illuminates the main missions concerning visions and goals of the United States Department of Education regarding the use of technology. In fact, Duncan cites the plan as instrumental in the administrations' National Education Technology Plan, Transforming American Education: Learning Powered by Technology. More importantly, Duncan posits the plan should include:

1. ""Applying the advanced technologies used in our daily personal and professional lives to our entire education system to improve student learning, accelerate and scale up the adoption of effective practices, and use data and information for continuous improvement.""
2. ""Engaging and empowering personalized learning experiences for learners of all ages.""
3. ""[A] model [that] stipulates that we focus what and how we teach to match what people need to know an how they learn.""
4. ""Using state of the art technology and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) concepts to enable, motivate, and inspire all students to achieve, regardless of background, languages, or disabilities.""

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